Dynamic Spectrum Alliance Joins ITU's Development Sector

23 September 2014: The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance has joined the ITU's Development Sector (ITU-D), which aims to nurture international cooperation and solidarity in the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication networks in developing countries. This comes as the Alliance continues to promote regulatory policies which will pave the way for innovative wireless technologies across the world.

As an ITU-D member, the Alliance will participate in the ITU-D Study Groups to promote effective and efficient spectrum management. A special introduction session for new ITU members, including DSA, has already taken place to welcome newcomers and provide a background on the current activities of the ITU-D. Invited by the Director of ITU-D, Brahima Sanou, the Alliance discussed its vision for the adoption of legal and regulatory frameworks that facilitate dynamic access to the radio spectrum.

Prof. H Nwana, Executive Director of Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, said: "The Alliance's ITU-D membership is vital as we work towards closing the digital divide, enabling the Internet of Things and alleviating the spectrum crunch. Regulators across the world look to the ITU for state of the art best practices. Working within the ITU, we hope to make leaps in setting dynamic and opportunistic spectrum access regulations across the globe, encouraging opportunistic spectrum access pilot project initiatives, and ultimately facilitating new competition, business models and innovations, not only to connect over three billion people in emerging economies, but also the burgeoning the Internet of Things in developed markets."

The ITU-D Study Groups give members a chance to present ideas, share experiences and exchange views on strategies to achieve ITU-D objectives. Once a consensus on an appropriate strategy has been reached the ITU-D is responsible for producing reports and guidelines based on member contributions.

The first Study Group, entitled 'Enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ICTs' explored the spectrum management needs of developing countries, including the digital switchover from analogue to digital terrestrial television and the resulting digital dividend. The Alliance's first ever ITU participation was in this study group.

The Alliance benefits from being able to contribute to the ITU-D Sector Membership Portal, which allows it to pool information with organizations working towards kindred objectives with the aim of achieving these objectives quicker.

Prof. H Nwana will be speaking at this year's ITU Telecom World event in Doha, Qatar on 'Dynamic Spectrum Access: Challenges and Opportunities'. Prof. Nwana will review spectrum allocation, regulation and new devices from 2.30pm, Monday 8 December.

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About the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance
The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization. The DSA's membership spans multinationals, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and academic, research, and other organizations from around the world, all working to create innovative solutions that will increase the amount of available spectrum to the benefit of consumers and businesses alike. Visit http://www.dynamicspectrumalliance.org/, follow @DynamicSpectrum, https://www.facebook.com/DynamicSpectrumAlliance, and http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Dynamic-Spectrum-Access-DSA-5122947.